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La Porte Police mark National Safety Dispatcher Week



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The La Porte Police communications staff will be celebrated during the week of Monday, April 10, through Friday, April 16, as part of National Public Safety Dispatcher Week.

Last year, the La Porte communications staff handled a total of 39,604 telephone calls, 13,930 of which were 9-1-1 calls. The average response time for police assistance within La Porte is 4.92 minutes, which is well above the national average.

In 1991, Congress proclaimed the second week of each April as National Public Safety Dispatcher Week to serve as its officially noted week of recognition.

"We don't do any of it for the recognition, but it sure is nice when there's Congressional recognition for those of us who aren't in the public spotlight," said veteran La Porte Telecommunicator Wanda Richards. "But what's more important to mention is that we simply couldn't do our job without the help of our concerned citizens. It's to them we say, 'Thanks.'"

The staff will be publicly recognized by the La Porte City Council on Tuesday, April 11.

For more information on the La Porte Police Department's Dispatch operations, contact the department at 281-471-2141.